

URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES

COMMUNITY
MANAGEMENT

URBAN & REGIONAL
PLANNING

LOCAL/REGIONAL
GOVERNMENT

NONPROFIT
ADMINISTRATION

The Urban and Regional Studies Institute is an interdisciplinary degree program oriented toward examining and understanding the broad range of problems and challenges associated with the nation's cities, communities and regional areas. Students learn how to build community in a very tangible way, allowing students to make a difference they can see every day.

DEGREES OFFERED

- Urban and Regional Studies, BS
- Urban and Regional Studies Minor
- Urban Planning, MA
- Public Administration and Community Management, MA
- Urban Planning Graduate Certificate

SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Data analysis
- Communication skills
- Computer skills: GIS
- Cultural sensitivity
- Interpersonal skills
- Listening skills
- Organizational skills
- Problem solving
- Research skills
- Understanding political and legal processes

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

- Students of the Urban and Regional Studies Institute (SURSI)
- Mankato Ghana Study Abroad Program
- Internships
- Field excursions
- Professional networking

EMPLOYERS

- City, county, state, federal
- Government
- Department of natural resources
- Minnesota historical society
- Non-profit organizations
- Transportation departments
- Consulting
- Land use planning
- Real estate
- Environmental law firm
- Engineering and management

CAREERS

- Budget/financial analyst
- City comptroller
- City manager
- City treasurer
- Community development
- Comprehensive planning
- Code enforcement
- Economic development
- Fiscal impact
- Grants administration
- Historical preservation
- Housing/neighborhood planning
- Human resources
- Land use planning
- Non-profit administrator
- Planning commissioner
- Purchasing
- Real estate
- Regional planner
- Transportation planning
- Urban design
- Zoning administrator

**Advanced education preferred*



CAREERS IN A GROWING FIELD

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts an 11% increase in demand for urban and regional planners in the next 10 years. Urban and Regional Studies prepares students for lifelong careers shaping communities in this growing field.

UNIQUE STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCES

Students have traveled to Ghana to explore local government and planning systems, and immerse themselves in the culture. The Department of Government often hosts opportunities to travel abroad for comparative experiences.

CREATING STREET-READY PROFESSIONALS

Urban and Regional Studies prides itself on its “theory to practice” philosophy, ensuring students get hands-on professional experience before they begin their careers. Students work directly with faculty who care about their success.

Internship experiences mean students are working on projects for communities, doing the work of planners and managers, gaining professional experience before they graduate.

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES, BS)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
URBS 100 Introduction to the City (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	URBS 110 The City: Design and Architecture (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course, Diverse Culture (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
URBS 150 Sustainable Communities (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course, Diverse Culture (3)	URBS 230W Community Leadership (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
URBS 401 Foundations in Urban Management and Planning (3) URBS 4XX Elective (3) Minor Course (3) Minor Course, 400 Level (3) General Education Course, Writing Intensive (3)	URBS 402 Urban Analysis (3) Minor Course, 400 Level (3) Minor Course, 400 Level (3) Elective (3) Elective, 400 Level (3)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
URBS 489 Capstone (3) URBS 4XX Elective (3) Minor Course, 400 Level (3) Elective (3) Elective (3)	URBS 4XX Elective (3) URBS 4XX Elective (3) Minor Course, 400 Level (3) Elective (3) Elective (3)

